

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims 1, 8, 15, and 17-18 in accordance with the following:

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for creating purchase information, comprising:
  - an account information input/output section that obtains first purchase information concerning items selected by a first person from an item list provided by an online shopping service via a network, the items being functionally related to one another;
  - a registration unit that generates purchase identification information that uniquely identifies the first purchase information and associates the unique purchase identification information with a second person;
  - a storage unit that stores the unique purchase identification information;
  - a searching unit that searches the storage unit for the first purchase information based on receiving the unique purchase identification information as a search condition from the second person; and
  - a creation unit that creates second purchase information concerning an item to be purchased by the second person, based on the first purchase information searched.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the storage unit further stores person identification information to uniquely identify the second person, and
  - the searching unit searches the storage unit for the first purchase information corresponding to the person identification information, which is received from the second person as the search condition.
4. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 3, wherein